

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A composition for dispersing of a particle, characterized in being obtained by mixing a metal alkoxide containing a metal element having +3 to 5 valence, an organic acid and water.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition for dispersing of a particle according to Claim 1, which is obtained by mixing a hydrolysate derived from said metal alkoxide, and said organic acid, and which is a transparent aqueous solution.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The composition for dispersing of a particle according to Claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein said metal element is one element selected from the group consisting of aluminum, titanium, niobium and tantalum.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The composition for dispersing of a particle according to Claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein said metal element is aluminum or titanium.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The composition for dispersing of a particle according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1, wherein said organic acid is at least one type selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, oxalic acid, citric acid and tartaric acid.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The composition for dispersing of a particle according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1, wherein the mixing proportion of said organic acid and said metal alkoxide (organic acid : metal alkoxide), is (0.5 - 2) : 1 by molar ratio.

Claim 7 (Original): A composition for dispersing of a particle, characterized in that said composition is obtained by mixing a titanium alkoxide, at least one type of an organic acid selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, oxalic acid, citric acid and tartaric acid, and water; and that the mixing proportion of said titanium alkoxide and said organic acid (organic acid : titanium alkoxide), is (0.7 - 1.5) : 1 by molar ratio.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A composition having a particle dispersed therein, characterized in comprising a particle and said composition for dispersing of a particle according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1.

Claim 9 (Original): The composition having a particle dispersed therein according to 8, wherein said particle is an oxide particle.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The composition having a particle dispersed therein according to Claim 8 [[or 9]], wherein the content of said particles is 60 % by volume or less.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The composition having a particle dispersed therein according to ~~any one of Claims 8 to 10~~ Claim 8, wherein pH is in the range from 2 to 11.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The composition having a particle dispersed therein according to ~~any one of Claims 8 to 11~~ Claim 8, which is used in an application for ceramic material, photocatalytic material, optical material or electronic material.

Claim 13 (Original): A composition having a particle dispersed therein, characterized in comprising an anatase-type titanium oxide particle and said composition for dispersing of a particle according to Claim 7.

Claim 14 (Original): A sintered compact of anatase-type titanium oxide, characterized in that the solid fraction of said composition having a particle dispersed therein according to Claim 13 is sintered.

Claim 15 (Original): The sintered compact of anatase-type titanium oxide according to Claim 14, wherein the sintering temperature is in the range from 300 to 750°C.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The sintered compact of anatase-type titanium oxide according to Claim 14 [[or 15]], which is used in an application for photocatalytic material or solar cell material.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A process for producing a composition having a particle dispersed therein, characterized in that said process comprises a mixing step for mixing said composition for dispersing of a particle according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1, a particle and a solvent, and that the amount of said composition to be mixed is adjusted depending on the isoelectric point of said particle in said mixing step.

Claim 18 (Original): The process for producing a composition having a particle dispersed therein according to Claim 17, wherein said solvent is water.